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2001/xx. UNFPA strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note of document DP/FPA/2001/9;*
2. *Endorses the proposed substantive focus for the years 2001-2005 with respect to HIV/AIDS as set forth in this report;*
3. *Endorses the Fund's overall approach to collaboration and coordination with UNAIDS and the United Nations Development Group, and with other United Nations agencies and organizations, NGOs and the private sector;*
4. *Recognizes the experience and comparative advantage of UNFPA in fulfilling its lead role in implementing the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the benchmarks of the ICPD+5 and in making use of its extensive networks at the country level, and in that regard, requests UNFPA in the context of decision XX of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board to intensify its efforts and to take a more visible leadership role in the prevention of HIV infection, especially among young people;*
5. *Encourages UNFPA to build further on its experience in addressing gender issues, including the role of men, as an integral part of HIV-prevention activities;*
6. *Also encourages all Governments to support the efforts of UNFPA by increasing their commitment, including financial commitment, to curb and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS in programme countries.*





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UNDP/UNFPA programming process

The Executive Board,

1. *Reiterates* that the fundamental characteristics of the operational activities of the United Nations funds and programmes should be their universality, voluntary and grant nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism;
2. *Reaffirms* its decision 2000/12, and in this regard welcomes efforts made by the Executive Committee members of the United Nations Development Group towards further harmonization of programmes and standardization of procedures for their programmes;
3. *Emphasizes* that the programming process should be country-led and country-driven, and based on national priorities and needs, and in this connection reaffirms that the national Government has the primary responsibility for the formulation of the country programmes, in consultation with relevant United Nations agencies, including specialized agencies, and other relevant partners, as appropriate;
4. *Stresses* the importance of further strengthening the resident coordinator system through the enhancement of the collaborative partnership among United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes at both headquarters and country levels with a view to greater coherence, synergy and coordination;
5. *Stresses* the importance of a country-specific framework on which the United Nations Development Group partners would base their programmes with a view to enhancing the impact of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
6. *Encourages* programme countries that have already developed or are planning to develop a CCA/UNDAF jointly undertaken and approved by the Government to use it, on a pilot basis, as the common planning framework for United Nations operational activities at the country level, with effect from the annual session 2002;



7. *Decides that:*

(a) The common programming process will be based on the existing common planning framework and that the national Government will develop the country outlines of the respective organizations in collaboration with the United Nations country team and in consultation with other relevant partners, as appropriate;

(b) The draft country outlines will highlight the main components of the proposed country programmes, such as priorities, strategies, outcomes and proposed budget;

(c) The draft country outlines will be presented to the Executive Boards for discussion at their annual sessions, and where applicable, the CCA/UNDAF will be made available for information;

(d) The Executive Board will review the draft country outlines, upon which the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA will assist the Government in finalizing the country programmes, taking into account comments made by the Board;

(e) The country programmes will be posted by October of the last year of the country programme on the web sites of the respective undg partners and will be approved in January on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board;

8. *Requests* the Administrator and the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its annual session in 2003 on common tools to monitor progress and evaluate outcomes/results of respective country programmes with a view to further harmonizing and standardizing the programming process;

9. *Requests* undg to refine further the programming process on the basis of the present decision, taking into account the comments made in the respective Executive Board;

10. *Invites* the Executive Boards of UNICEF and WFP to discuss the programming process at their next sessions;

11. *Requests* the Administrator and the Executive Director to report to the Executive Board at its annual session 2004 on progress in implementing the present decision.

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